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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KURAHASHI et al
Serial No.: 10/756,606
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For: Liquid Crystal Display Device
Art Unit: 2871
Examiner: L. Chien

RESPONSE

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Commissioner For Patents
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May 25, 2005

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2005.

As to the requirement for election of one of the alleged following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified by the Examiner as Species I - the arrangement disclosed in Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B and 2C; Species II - the arrangement disclosed in Figures 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B and 4C; Species III - the arrangement disclosed in Figures 5A, 5B and 6; Species IV - the arrangement disclosed in Figures 7A, 7B and 8; Species V - the arrangement disclosed in Figures 9A, 9B, 10A and 10B; and Species VI - the arrangement disclosed in Figures 11A, 11B and 12; such requirement is traversed in that applicants submit that generic or sub-generic claims readable on more than one of the identified species are present in this application.

Although the Examiner indicates that no generic claim is present in this application, applicants submit that at least one of the independent claims of this application may be considered a generic or sub-generic claim readable on more than one of the identified species, as will be discussed below, and as recognized by the Examiner, if such a claim is held to be allowable, applicants are entitled to consideration of additional species.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species II with claims 5 - 11 being readable thereon, wherein claims 5 and 10 are independent claims. It is noted that at least one of claims 5 and 10 is considered to be a generic or sub-generic claim. In particular, claim 10 is considered to be a generic or sub-generic claim with claims 10 and 11 being readable on the elected species, whereas dependent claims 12 and 13, which depend from claim 10 are not identified as readable on the elected species. As such, it is apparent that claim 10 is at least a sub-generic claim with respect to more than one species, as identified by the Examiner.

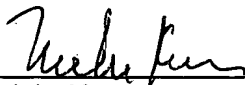
For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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